

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A reciprocating compressor for compressing a refrigerant comprising:

a hermetic container to which a suction pipe and a discharge pipe are connected;

a driving unit having a stator fixed inside the hermetic container and a mover disposed spaced apart from the stator and linearly and reciprocally moved according to an interaction with the stator;

an organic compound refrigerant sucked into the suction pipe, having ~~an~~ combustibility and explosiveness and ~~consisting of~~ including only carbon and hydrogen;

a compression unit for receiving a reciprocal motional force of the driving unit and making a compression operation on the organic compound refrigerant; ~~and~~

a mineral-based lubricant filled at a lower portion of the hermetic container; and

a lubrication unit for supplying the mineral-based lubricant to each motional portion of the driving unit and the compression unit and performing a lubricating operation,

wherein the mineral-based lubricant has a density of 0.866~0.880 g/cm³ at a temperature of 15 °C and a flash point of above 140 °C such that the mineral-based lubricant mixes with the organic compound refrigerant to perform the lubricating operation.

2. (Original) The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the stator comprises:

an outer stator fixed at the hermetic container;

an inner stator disposed with a certain air gap with an inner circumferential surface of the outer stator; and

a winding coil wound at one of the outer stator and the inner stator, to which power is applied from an external source, and

the mover comprises:

magnets disposed at regular intervals between the outer stator and the inner stator and being linearly and reciprocally moved when power is applied to the winding coil; and

a magnet frame having the magnets mounted thereon and transmitting a linear and reciprocal motional force to the compression unit.

3. (Original) The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the compression unit comprises:

- a piston connected to the mover and linearly and reciprocally moved;
- a cylinder, into which the piston is slidably inserted, for forming a certain compression chamber;
- a suction valve mounted at a refrigerant passage formed at the piston and preventing a backflow of the refrigerant after being introduced into the compression chamber; and
- a discharge valve mounted at the front side of the cylinder and performing an opening and closing operation on the compressed refrigerant.

4. (Original) The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the lubrication unit comprises:

- a lubricant pumping unit for pumping the lubricant filled as much as a certain amount at a lower portion of the hermetic container; and
- a lubricant supply passage for supplying the lubricant pumped by the lubricant pumping unit to a frictional portion between the piston and the cylinder.

5. (Original) The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the refrigerant is isobutane (R600a) which is hydrocarbon-based and has a molecular formula of $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_3$.

6. (Original) The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the lubricant is a paraffin-based lubricant.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the lubricant has a kinematic viscosity of $7.2\sim 21.8 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$ at a temperature of 40°C and a viscosity index of $73\sim 99$.

9. (Original) The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the lubricant has a flow point of below -25°C . and a total acid number of below 0.01 mgKOH/g.

10. (Original) The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the lubricant has a water content of below 20 ppm and a breakdown voltage of above 30 kV.

11. (New) A reciprocating compressor for compressing a refrigerant comprising:
a hermetic container to which a suction pipe and a discharge pipe are connected;
a driving unit having a stator fixed inside the hermetic container and a mover disposed apart from the stator and linearly and reciprocally moved according to an interaction with the stator;

an organic compound refrigerant sucked into the suction pipe, having combustibility and explosiveness and including only carbon and hydrogen;

a compression unit for receiving a reciprocal motional force of the driving unit and making a compression operation on the organic compound refrigerant;

a mineral-based lubricant filled at a lower portion of the hermetic container; and

a lubrication unit for supplying the mineral-based lubricant to each motional portion of the driving unit and the compression unit and performing a lubricating operation,

wherein the lubricant has a kinematic viscosity of $7.2\sim 21.8\text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$ at a temperature of 40°C and a viscosity index of $73\sim 99$ such that the mineral-based lubricant mixes with the organic compound refrigerant to perform the lubricating operation

12. (New) The reciprocating compressor of claim 11, wherein the lubricant is a paraffin-based lubricant.

13. (New) The reciprocating compressor of claim 11, wherein the lubricant has a density of $0.866\sim 0.880\text{ g/cm}^3$ at a temperature of 15°C and a flash point of above 140°C .

14. (New) The reciprocating compressor of claim 11, wherein the lubricant has a flow point of below -25°C . and a total acid number of below 0.01 mgKOH/g.

15. (New) The reciprocating compressor of claim 11, wherein the lubricant has a water content of below 20 ppm and a breakdown voltage of above 30 kV.